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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST CONTAINED REFTEL, THERE FOLLOWS
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OF RUSSEL E TRAIN. USDEL WILL BRING PHOTOS TO TURN AS REQUESTED.
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RUSSELL E TRAIN BECAME ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1973 SUCCEEDING WILLIAM D
RUCKELSHAUS.

MR. TRAIN CAME TO EPA FROM THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY, WHERE HE HAD SERVED FROM FEBRUARY 1970 AS THE COUNCIL'S FIRST

CHAIRMAN. PRIOR TO THAT TIME, HE WAS UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.
WHILE CHAIRMAN OF CEQ, MR. TRAIN WAS THE CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE
PRESIDENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. DURING THIS PERIOD,
THE COUNCIL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADMINIST-
RATION'S EXTENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL, LEGISLATIVE AND
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REGULATION OF SURFACE MINING, OCEAN DUMPING CONTROLS,

PESTICIDE REGULATION, AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL WERE AMONG THE MAJOR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FOR WHICH THE COUNCIL HAD PARTICULAR RESPONSIBILITY DURING THAT PERIOD. THE COUNCIL ALSO PROVIDED LEADERSHIP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT BY ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES. MR. TRAIN SERVED IN THE ARMY FROM 1941-46, RISING TO THE RANK OF MAJOR IN THE FIELD ARTILLERY. IN 1949, FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM LAW SCHOOL, HE JOINED THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL REVENUE TAXATION AS AN ATTORNEY, AND FROM 1953-56 HE SERVED AS CLERK (CHIEF COUNSEL) AND THEMMINORITY ADVISER TOTHE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. IN 1956, HE WAS NAMED ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND HEAD OF THE LEGAL ADVISORY STAFF, WHERE HE SERVED UNTL THE FOLLOWING YEAR WHEN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER APPOINTED HIM A JUDGE OF THE TAX COURT OF THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS REAPPOINTED TO A FULL 12-YEAR TERM IN 1959.

IT WAS WHILE SERVING ON THE TAX COURT THAT MR. TRAIN BECAME ACTIVE IN CONSERVATION WORK. IN 1959, HE FOUNDED AND BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN WILDLIFE LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION. FROM 1959-69, HE SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. WORLD WILDLIFE FUND. HE RESIGNED FROM THE TAX COURT IN 1965 TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, A NON-PROFIT RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH A BROAD RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON NAMED MR. TRAIN TO THE NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION IN 1968 AND LATER THAT YEAR PRESIDENT NIXON APPOINTED HIM CHAIRMAN OF A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO ADVISE THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPOINTED UNDER SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND SERVED IN THAT POST FROM FEBRUARY 7, 1969 UNTIL HE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

MR. TRAIN HAS REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES AT A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCES. IN 1970, HE LED A U.S. DELEGATION WHICH VISITED JAPAN AND INITIATED AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM OF ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATICON BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. SINCE EARLY 1971, HE HAS BEEN THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATO COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY. IN 1971 AND 1972, HE CHAIRED THE U.S. SIDE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH DEVELOPED THE GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT AT OTTAWA IN APRIL 1972. ALSO IN 1972, HE HEADED THE US DELEGATION TO THE UN CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT IN STOCKHOLM, ACTED AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION IN LONDON, AND BECAME CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION WHICH WAS FORMED TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT SIGNED

BY THE PRESIDENT ON MAY 23 IN MOSCOW. (THE TERMS OF THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED BY THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY). MR. TRAIN ALSO HEADED THE US DELEGATION TO THE NOVEMBER 1972 LONDON CONFERENCE THAT CONCLUDED AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO CONTROL

OCEAN DUMPING. IN EARLY 1973, HE HEADED THE US DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE THAT CONCLUDED AT WASHINGTON A CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES. IN LATE 1973, HE HEADED THE US DELEGATION TO THE IMCO (INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION) CONFERENCE TO DEVELOP A CONVENTION TO PREVENT POLLUTION ON THE OCEANS BY SHIPS.

MR. TRAIN WAS BORN ON JUNE 4, 1920 IN JAMESTOWN, THODE ISLAND AND GREW UP IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE GRADUATED WITH A B.A. DEGREE FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY IN 1941 AND AN LL.B. FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN 1948. MR. TRAIN HAS RECEIVED HONORARY DEGREES FROM BATES COLLEGE, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, DREXEL UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, CLARKSON COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH. IN 1972, HE WAS AWARDED THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER MEDAL BY THE ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE. MR. TRAIN IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER AILEEN BOWDOIN. THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN AND LIVE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. KISSINGER

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